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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is response to Applicant's response, filed on 2/10/2004.
2. Claim 1 is pending.

Specification

3. The abstract of the specification is objected to because of the following informalities. Applicant is advised to provide a new abstract. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph because claim recites a "means of storing funds". A method claim is not required to have a " means plus function.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being unpatentable over Nel (U.S. Pat. No. 6,507,823) in view of Mellen et al (U.S. pat. No. 6,384,709).

As per claim 1, Nel substantially discloses a method/system of conducting a financial transaction between a purchaser and a vendor of a product. The method/system preferably includes any one or more of steps of verifying the availability of funds in the account (which is readable as Applicant's claimed invention wherein it is stated that a method of providing funds with attributes that are validated), comprising:

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a point of sale method that accepts instruments of value and attributes such as geographical location and age are validated and verified (see., abstract, col 2, lines 12-14, specifically wherein it is stated that an access code to verify authorization of the transaction, lines 39-43, col 6, lines 9-20, col 7, lines 52-64). Nel further discloses attribute such as age see., col 9, lines 36-47, specifically wherein said selection valid procedure may include other check procedures which, for example, may prohibit a purchaser from performing a certain transaction if he or she is below a certain age; a means of storing funds in an electronic accessible form (see., col 3, lines 9-31, col 7, lines 52-64); an instrument that contains information to facilitate access to said funds (see., col 2, lines 12-14, lines 39-43, col 3, lines 9-50).

1. However, it is to be noted that Nel fails to explicitly disclose attribute such as geographical location is validated and verified. Mellen discloses an access control system which compares the geographic location information in a key with real time geographic location information from a geographic location detection unit associated with a mobile container (see., abstract, col 1, lines 30-42. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the financial transactions of Nel by including the limitation detailed above as taught by Mellen because this would verify unauthorized access based on the users location.

Conclusion

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Patent examiner

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